

# Iron County Register

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## NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

A big combination to secure control of all the leaf tobacco in the country is said to be in process of formation at Louisville, Ky.

It is reported at Ottawa, Ont., that Sir Charles Tupper favors commercial reciprocity between Canada and the United States.

Mr. Cox, the Irish Commoner, was convicted on the 1st and sentenced to a month's imprisonment. When this term is up he is to be re-arrested.

The President and the Civil-Service Commissioners have just completed and promulgated a number of important changes in the Civil-Service rules.

Dr. Mackenzie made another examination of Crown Prince Frederick William's throat on the 20th. The tumor inflammation was reduced and no signs of cancer were found.

SIXTEEN youths of Drogheda, Ireland, have been sentenced to imprisonment for one week with hard labor for lighting bonfires to celebrate the release of William O'Brien.

MGR. ADAM, of California, presented to the Pope, on the 24, a photograph of Gabriel, an Italian Catholic, one hundred and forty years of age, for whom he asked a special blessing.

PRESIDENT AGASSIZ has decided to send twenty-five tons of concentrated ammonia down the burning shafts of the Calumet and Hecla mine, in the Upper Michigan Peninsula, where he has put out the fire completely, this morning.

The annual banquet of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association of Baltimore, Md., took place at the Hotel Remont on the night of the 24, and was attended by representatives of business men to the number of two hundred.

The business failures during the seven days ended the 24 numbered for the United States, 247; and for Canada, 22, or a total of 270, as compared with 317 for the preceding like period, and 261 for the corresponding week of last year.

SERIOUS rioting was reported from Shenandoah, Pa., on the evening of the 24, started by an attack of a mob of men and boys on the non-union miners as they were leaving their work. Several persons were wounded, and more trouble was expected.

THE San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, on the 24, adopted the majority reports of the committee recently appointed to consider the tariff as affecting sugar interests of the Pacific coast. The report advocates that the present tariff be maintained.

GENERAL SHERIDAN was driven around Boston on the 25th, and was greeted everywhere by tremendous crowds, who cheered him wildly. A public reception was given in Faneuil Hall at noon, and the place was packed, the crowds extending far out into the street.

TWO cowboys, named Arthur and Potts, attempted to run the town of Buffalo Gap, a station on the Elkhorn road, in Dakota, on the 20th, when the citizens turned out in full force and killed both of them. Who fired the fatal shots no one knows, nor wants to know.

THE blast furnaces of the Troy (N. Y.) Steel and Iron Company were lanked on the 20th, the owners having refused to accept a ten per cent. reduction in wages. The efforts of the State Board of Arbitration were not successful. About three thousand men are thrown out of work.

CAPTAIN RITCHIE of the State Line steamer *St. Louis* was presented, on the 24, on the part of the State of Indiana, with a gold watch and chain, and Campbell, the first officer, with a binocular glass, for saving the crew of the ship *Triumph*, from abandonment at sea.

PROF. WM. McFARLAND, one of the oldest actors in the country, was found dead in bed at his home in Minneapolis, Minn., on the 24th. McFarland supported Macready when the great Englishman was in this country, and later the elder Booth, Adams, Edwin Forrest and all the old-timers.

The special report of Colonel Switzer, chief of the Bureau of Statistics, Treasury Department, in regard to inception, development and present status of the commerce of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers, and of the numerous bridges which cross them, is completed and in the hands of the public printer.

A VAST industrial parade, many miles long and occupying hours in the city, was passing a given point, was the carnival attraction at St. Paul, Minn., on the 1st. Every important business-house in the city was represented, many by elaborate floats, showing goods tastefully displayed and others by crews of artisans at work.

JOHN WELSH, Edward Williams and Edward Kimberly were arrested at Baltimore, Md., on the 24th, on charges of having cut the throat of Rose Chaney, housekeeper for Welsh. All the accused are known to have spent the night of the 20th in Welsh's house, and the morning of the 21st the woman was found dead in bed with her throat cut.

THE signal corps station at Nantucket reported on the 20th upwards of fifty vessels in the ice near Nantucket, and from Great Point to Tuckermuck shoals many of them with ice on their bows, anchors and chains. The ice is ten inches or more thick, and the most powerful tugs can render them no assistance. Most of them will be wrecked unless prompt assistance is rendered when the ice breaks up.

THE National Tube Works Company of McKeesport, Pa., employing 4,000 men, posted a notice on the 21st ordering a reduction of ten per cent. in the wages of all employees. If the reduction is not accepted the firm threatens to shut down their entire establishment. Similar action has been taken by the Continental and Pennsylvania Tube Works companies. The men say they will not submit to any cut in their wages.

THE reunion and banquet of the survivors of the Thirty-fourth Congress at Washington, on the 24, brought together twelve gentlemen of national fame and historic prominence—two ex-Speakers, Banks and Grow; Senators Sherman and Morrill, ex-Senator Cragin and Messrs. Wm. W. Campbell, James H. Campbell, Russell Sage, John W. Aldrich, S. T. Stranahan, T. F. Flagg and Guy R. Pettit. The reception of the veteran legislators was largely attended.

THE Dominion fishery cruiser *Dream* is frozen in St. Andrews' bay, and Maine fishermen are taking advantage of her misfortune to fish inside the three-mile limit. Reports from the bay state that a large fleet of American vessels are fishing in Canadian waters, and that there is an abundance of fish. The local fishermen complain that through the severity of the cruiser's captain in carrying out drift, having lost they would much rather Americans fish in their waters than that the cruiser should get clear of the ice.

## FIFTIETH CONGRESS.

THE Senate, on the 31st, received a memorial from the National Board of Trade in favor of reciprocal trade relations between the United States and Canada. The proposition to reduce letter postage to one cent was reported back adversely, and after considerable discussion the report was placed on the calendar. Mr. Frye offered a resolution asking the House to bill relating to agricultural experiment stations was passed. Mr. Morgan, of Alabama, spoke in opposition to the bill, and he was warmly applauded. In the House, among the bills introduced were the following: To prevent alienation from alienating homesteads and to provide for leasing grazing lands; providing for a bounty on wheat, corn and flour exported; to establish a United States land court. The report of the public printer replying to a resolution asking for an explanation of the alleged delay in furnishing printed matter and the discharge of certain employees was read and around a lively discussion. The printing committee was instructed to investigate the management of the office by Mr. Benedict and also of his predecessor.

THE Senate, on the 31st, held an important session. Mr. Plumb's resolution calling for an investigation of the alleged delay in the service in the West was discussed at length and laid over without action. Bills granting the right of way through public lands for irrigation purposes and to punish crime in the Indian Territory, were passed. Senator Hoar's joint resolution for the terms of office of the President and members of Congress, from March 4 to April 30, was adopted. In the House, a bill was passed authorizing the construction of a bridge over the Missouri river at Jefferson City, Mo.; also a bill for the construction of public buildings at Asheville, N. C., Springfield, Mo., and Monroe, La.

THE Senate, on the 31st, Mr. Cameron introduced a bill to place on the pension roll the rate of one cent per month for each day served, all officers and enlisted men serving in the United States army or navy, who were discharged or killed in the line of duty. The bill was passed. In the House, a bill was passed authorizing the construction of a bridge over the Missouri river at Jefferson City, Mo.; also a bill for the construction of public buildings at Asheville, N. C., Springfield, Mo., and Monroe, La.

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## MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Governor Morehouse has pardoned Albert McElroy, sentenced to the penitentiary for fifteen years in 1887. He is in the last stages of consumption.

Governor Morehouse has pardoned Albert Hawkins, serving a sixty-day sentence in Jackson County for receiving stolen goods.

Joshua White, aged thirty-five, was working over a land tank in Fowler's packing-house at Kansas City a few days ago, when his foot slipped on the only board in the tank, and he fell into the boiling grease. Before he could be rescued he was dead. Every particle of flesh on his head, arms and shoulders was cooked, and his bones were burned through to the lungs, the bones crumbling away under the touch.

The dead body of August Jansen, whose mysterious disappearance created a great excitement in Lexington, recently was found against a tree on the Carroll County side of the river below Lexington. He had evidently wandered away while in an intoxicated condition, and being overcome by the cold, was frozen to death. The finding of the body clears up the suspicion of murder which prevailed among his friends.

The St. Louis police force is at present made up of a chief, six captains, forty-five sergeants, ten detectives, forty mounted men and 400 footmen.

Joseph Cronch, of St. Joseph, deserted his wife and family recently, and is now in Kansas on an evangelizing tour as a Baptist preacher. Mrs. Cronch was furnished a ticket to Corning, Kas., and proceeded there to corner her recalcitrant spouse.

The receiver of the defunct Fifth National Bank of St. Louis is paying a first dividend of fifty per cent. to the depositors of the institution.

A stranger, supposed to be Franz Mueller, a German, was shot and killed in St. Louis a few days ago by shooting himself in the mouth with a pistol.

Herman Kamp, assistant book-keeper in Gildenhau, Wulff & Co.'s wholesale grocery store, was shot and killed in St. Louis a few days since by shooting himself in the left breast. His accounts with the firm were all right, but he had expended \$800 in traveling expenses for his own debts. He was twenty-five years of age and unmarried, his parents living in Germany.

The miners in the Lexington coal mines have secured a reduction in wages for six months.

The name of the post-office at Bradley, Carroll County, has been changed to Boswell, and the name removed to a half mile southeast.

The post-office at Elks Grove, Caldwell County, is discontinued, and the mail will go to Black Oak.

Collected on quail, ruffed grouse, prairie chickens, doves and wild turkey is closed, and it is now a violation of the law to shoot this species of game in the State.

A recent meeting of the Kansas City police commissioners, Patrolmen Rademacher and Ryan were dismissed for leaving their beats while on duty, and a fine for being found asleep on duty.

The arrest of Mrs. Saloma Mattingly, on a charge of poisoning two fine horses belonging to H. C. White, has created excitement in Aurora and vicinity. She is well known, and the mother of an interesting family and stood well in social circles. Many believe her entirely innocent.

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## BREAKING UP.

The ice-gorge at St. Louis going out and carrying devastation to Steamboat and other river boats in its track. A heavy charge as to the responsibility for the gorge.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 31.—Three steamers have gone down already, and goodness knows what other damage is likely to be done," said the harbor commissioner this morning. "The ice gorge is breaking up, and there is likely to be serious results."

The river has risen five feet since Sunday, and a foot and half since yesterday. It rose three inches this morning between nine and ten o'clock. The rise detached the ice from the shore. The black line across the gorge caused by the coal boats can move further up the river, and about three hundred yards below the bridge.

The river men are all at work rearranging the gangways and dock posts so that boats can move further up the river when high water comes. At the foot of Ann street three boats were sunk last night by the ice forcing them under. They are the Tamm, the Mattie Belle and the Hayes.

Several barges were also sunk. The loss can not yet be estimated, but is up in the hundreds of thousands. Many valuable steamers are in dangerous positions.

At eleven o'clock the ice was especially heavy along the levee. No gorge in thirty years has done so great damage or created such excitement. The full extent is not yet known.

The Will S. Hayes is a total wreck. She is probably broken in two and is stove in. Her upper deck is above water. She was valued at \$80,000, was a side-wheel steamer, and was built by the Hayes.

The wharfbrook of the Alton & Grafton Packet Company broke away at eleven o'clock and floated down to Ann street, where she struck the sunken Hayes and caused a great deal of damage.

The Clarksville wharfbrook was the first to go. It crashed into the Hayes, starting her in.

The steamer City of Monroe, at the foot of Monroe street, and the heavy hawser, Captain Mason and a man named Seelberger were badly injured.

Between Plum and Dorcas streets there are eight steamers of the Anchor Line. There is much property in danger.

The City of Delta, formerly the Will S. Hayes, was built at Pittsburgh in 1882 by a Cincinnati firm, and named in honor of the river of the same name. She was a passenger and freight boat, and her first cost was \$80,000. Shortly after being launched she was sold to the Memphis & Arkansas Packet Company, and since then she has been in the lower river trade, between Memphis and New Orleans. Late last fall she was sold to the Anchor Line, and has not since made a trip.

The tugboats Alton, Karlov, Kato M. and Alton, belonging to the Consolidated Coal Company, were tied up at the foot of Lynch street, and were carried away by the ice and sunk. The loss of the company is estimated at \$75,000.

Mr. Louis, Feb. 1.—It has been asserted that the great ice gorge has been in the river since the first of January, and that it has been prevented by the gorging of the river might all have been prevented by proper management, and it is also said that it is possible to break up the gorge by the use of dynamite.

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## ELOQUENCE COUNTS.

An Exciting Scene in the House of Representatives Over a Resolution to Investigate the Reading and Other Troubles in Pennsylvania.—Mr. Raynor's Eloquence Carries the Day.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The effect of an intense conviction, coupled with the orator's magic power of crystallizing it for the appreciation of others, was witnessed yesterday in the House.

Mr. Raynor, of Maryland, gave ample evidence of the possession of the gift of impassioned eloquence, and he carried his associates with him as a torrent carries splinters.

Mr. Clark, of Missouri, the chairman of the House committee on commerce, in presenting the majority report on the House resolution to investigate the Reading and other troubles in Pennsylvania, was referred to the Inter-State Commerce committee, said it was entirely within the province of the committee to investigate.

Mr. Raynor, member of the dissenting minority of the committee, fixed the attention of the House and galleries in his opening phrase. Bursts of applause greeted his every period. "I know that money is an enemy terrible to the counter," he concluded, "but I have never seen the days in the halls of legislation when honor without price and manhood without fear could not drive it like a stinking coward from the field of battle."

Round after round of applause echoed and re-echoed throughout the chamber. The speaker's gavel not being in the House to order for five minutes, Mr. Raynor had his hand grasped by forty men, and the request of the majority of the committee to have the resolutions referred to the Inter-State Commerce committee was defeated beyond peradventure.

Mr. Davis, of Massachusetts, who spoke next, referred to the failure of the investigating committee on the Missouri Pacific railroad.

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